

**An eLetter to the ceCommunity  
from the aGts Office of Continuing Education  
August 2004**

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**ceLines:**

Hello friends,

I normally use this space to dialogue with you about a particular issue that is processing through my mind/heart. Today, however, I'd like to use the space for a little introduction and promotion of a new tool that we're creating to help you connect to the courses that you want/need in your degree program.

Introducing...(da-da-da daaaaah)... the new "Online Course Selection Form." That's right...we're creating a better online portal for you to select your courses. We're doing away with the old course reservation form and replacing it with what we think is a much simpler form.

There are still a few bugs to work out on the form, but it should be available by the end of this month. For those of you who are taking a course that starts in late August, we will not be able to get it fully functional by the two week pre-selection deadline that we require for registration. Sorry about that!!!! But...you can rest assured that we will get it up and running as soon into the Fall semester as is possible.

We'll get the word out to you via e-mail as soon as it is ready. So...keep your "electronic" eyes and ears open and take advantage of this new "streamlined" course selection process. It's all a part of our desire to make your course selection process as simple and as easy as possible.

We're here to serve you, so please let us know how we can get better at doing so. We wish you well. Until next time...

Randy C. Walls, Director  
AGTS Continuing Education

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**ceLinks:**

**Check out these web sites!**

<http://www.churchcentral.com/nw/s>. This website features articles and resources by Dr. Thom Rainer, a leading author and consultant church health. You can sign up for a free e-newsletter that will bring great tips, tools and insights into leading your church toward health.

<http://www.southeastchristian.org/>. Check out the vision and ministry of this great mega-church in Louisville, KY. There are some great ideas for you own ministry website to be found here as well.

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**ceSources:**

*The Present Future: Six Tough Questions for the Church* by Reggie McNeal. From the author of *Work of Heart: How God Shapes Spiritual Leaders* comes a great book that challenges 6 ingrained presuppositions about leading a local church toward health. Well worth the time and money it will cost you to read it.

*One Church, Four Generations: Understanding and Reaching All Ages in Your Church* by Gary L. McIntosh. Here's a great "how-to" book that will help you understand the needs and expectations of the multiple generations filling our churches today. This is a great tool to help you navigate the rough waters of leading a multi-generational church.

*Mission to Oz: Reaching Postmoderns Without Losing Your Way* by Mark Tabb. This isn't a book about how to talk with the teenagers in your church or home. It describes the prevalent mindset of contemporary America. If you are serious about starting a dialogue with your pomo neighbors, this is a great resource for you.

You can order these books and all the textbooks for your ceCourses in the aGts bookstore; just contact Arlene Dilley at [adilley@aGts.edu](mailto:adilley@aGts.edu).

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**ceCourses:**

Here's the web-link to the ceCourses:

[http://www.agts.edu/continuing\\_education/sites/schedules/2004ContinuingEducationSche.pdf](http://www.agts.edu/continuing_education/sites/schedules/2004ContinuingEducationSche.pdf)

If you want to pick up some courses this summer, you should go ahead and get your reservation forms in today. Go to our website through this link to reserve your place in the course of your choice: [http://www.agts.edu/continuing\\_education/ce\\_form.pdf](http://www.agts.edu/continuing_education/ce_form.pdf).

**FYI – There will be a 6% increase in tuition beginning August 16, 2004. The new cost per credit hour will be \$335.00.**

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NOTICE: If you live within commuting distance of Springfield, you should consider the M.A. in Theological Studies degree completion program. It is structured so you can earn a degree in 18-22 months by attending classes **one night a week on the Springfield campus**. Your previous course work is applied toward the degree where applicable. You take only the courses you need which saves time and money. The classes are structured so that you go through the entire program with peers, one course at a time.

A flat tuition package rate protects you from tuition increases unless you change cohorts. Financial aid, scholarships, and tuition discounts are available to eligible participants (see website [http://www.agts.edu/academics/programs/mats\\_completion.html](http://www.agts.edu/academics/programs/mats_completion.html)).

Applications are being accepted for new cohorts that begin in September, and January. It is also possible to join an existing cohort if you are admitted and register two weeks in advance of the session dates listed: September 2, October 7, November 11, January 6, February 10, March 2.

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